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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 12, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.